

PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 25 September 2012

10 a.m.

1092nd Plenary meeting

Room XVIII

Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective

Key issues arising from the international trading system and the impact on inclusive development

(TD/B/59/5)

Opening remarks

- Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD

Keynote address

- Mr. Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the World Trade Organization

Followed by

- Interactive debate moderated by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities (DITC), UNCTAD

Discussants

- Mr. Abdallah al-Dardari, Director, Economic Development and Globalization Division, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, Beirut
- Ms. Virginia Cram-Martos, Director, Trade and Sustainable Land Management Division, Economic Commission for Europe, Geneva
- Mr. Magdhi Farahat, Principal Adviser on Trade, Geneva Interregional Advisory Services, Economic Commission for Africa
- Mr. Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok
- Mr. Sebastian Herreros, Expert, Division of International Trade and Integration, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago
- Mr. Bernard Hoekman, Director, International Trade Department, World Bank
- Mr. Andrei Tochinn, Director, Trade and Policy Department, Eurasian Economic Commission

Tuesday, 25 September 2012 (Cont'd)

1 p.m.

Lunch event

Room XXVI

- Moderated by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, DITC, UNCTAD

Sandwich lunch

Showing of video *The BioTrade Initiative* illustrating the work on natural ingredients and fashion value chains. Produced by United Nations Television, UNCTAD and the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs.

Introduction of the theme and speakers

- Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, DITC, UNCTAD

BioTrade in Ecuador and the Jambi Kiwa experience with herbal teas

- H.E. Miguel Carbo Benites, Ambassador of Ecuador to the World Trade Organization

Development benefits from BioTrade in Mexico

- Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations and other International Organizations

The candelilla experience: partnership between Mexico and Yves Rocher

- Mr. Claude Fromageot, Director of Sustainable Development for the Yves Rocher Group and Director of the Yves Rocher Foundation, Paris, France

Questions and answers

Followed by

- Exhibition of BioTrade products and tasting of herbal teas

3 p.m.

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Room XXVI

Item 7 Evolution of the international trading system and its trends from a development perspective (cont'd)

Rio+20: How can trade best support sustainable development? Opportunities and costs

Keynote address

- H.E. Ambassador Roberto Azevedo, Permanent Representative of Brazil to the World Trade Organization and UNCTAD

Guest speakers

- Mr. Aaron Cosbey, Senior Adviser for the International Institute for Sustainable Development
- Mr. Claude Fromageot, Director of Sustainable Development for the Yves Rocher Group and Director of the Yves Rocher Foundation, Yves Rocher, Paris, France

Followed by

- Interactive discussion moderated by Mr. Guillermo Valles, Director, DITC, UNCTAD

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9 a.m. – 10 a.m. **Meeting of the Group of 77 and China**

Room XXV

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS
Wednesday, 26 September 2012

10 a.m. **Informals**

Room XXVI

Sessional Committee II – Africa (item 6)

- Discussion on draft agreed conclusions

3 p.m.

Informals

Room XXVI

Sessional Committee I – LDCs (item 5)

- Discussion on draft agreed conclusions

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 27 September 2012

1090th Plenary meeting

Item 9 Investment for development: Towards a new generation of investment policies for inclusive growth and sustainable development

Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD, introduced the item and presented the UNCTAD Investment Policy Framework for Sustainable Development.

Presentations were made by: H.E. Ms. Anabel González, Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica; H.E. Mr. Robert Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry of South Africa; Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, Special Adviser to United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon on the Millennium Development Goals and Director of The Earth Institute at Columbia University, via videolink; and Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

Statements and interventions were made by the following member States: Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Chile (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries); Barbados; Paraguay (on behalf of the landlocked developing countries); Algeria; Morocco; Egypt; the Philippines; Germany; the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; and Japan.

Mr. Mark Halle, Vice-President, International Institute for Sustainable Development, and Mr. Predeep Mehta, Secretary-General, Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS) International, contributed as discussants.

The panellists made closing remarks.

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Item 11(b) Report on UNCTAD assistance to the Palestinian people

Mr. Petko Draganov, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD, made opening remarks. This was followed by an introductory presentation by Mr. Mahmoud Elkhafif, Coordinator of the Unit on Assistance to the Palestinian People, UNCTAD.

General statements

Statements were made by representatives of the following member States, groups of States and observers: Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); Mauritius (on behalf of the African Group); the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group); Cuba (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean Countries); the European Union; Palestine; Malaysia; Thailand; Algeria; South Africa; Morocco; Tunisia; Egypt; Israel; Cuba; Saudi Arabia; Jordan; China; Turkey; and Kuwait.

Information for participants

Registration/attendance forms

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Distribution of documents

The documents distribution counter is in the lobby on the second floor of the E building (door 40). Participants should bring with them pre-session documents, i.e. documents circulated prior to the opening of the session. Additional copies of pre-session documents may be available, stock permitting, at the distribution counter in the conference room.

Arrangements for regional group meetings

Requests for rooms for regional group meetings should be made to the UNCTAD Meetings and Credentials Unit (ext. 75497, office E.3061).

Statements

Delegates are invited to send electronic versions of their statements to be posted on the UNCTAD website to tdb@unctad.org. Statements will be made available in the form and language in which they are submitted.

Interactive debate

For the interactive debates, the time allotted for interventions by regional groups, individual countries, and organizations is three minutes each.